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In re application of  
Takeshi Tabata et al.  
Serial No. 08/765,046  
Filed: November 15, 1996  
For: NITROGEN OXIDE-REDUCING CATALYST AND PROCESS  
FOR REDUCING NITROGEN OXIDES IN EXHAUST GAS

DECISION ON  
PETITION

This is a response to the PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF BANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, originally filed October 10, 2002 and resubmitted by facsimile transmission on February 4, 2005. The petition requests that the abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment mailed August 22, 2002, be withdrawn since the applicant did not receive the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed April 12, 2002.

#### DECISION

The instant request is accepted as a timely petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (no fee), and is evaluated under the procedures regarding an acceptable showing of non-receipt of an office action, TMOG 1156 O.G. 53, November 16, 1993, (see also MPEP 711.03(c) - NEW PROCEDURE TMOG 1170 O.G. 114). A review of the petitioner's evidence indicates that the request has merit. The evidence presented is sufficient to establish that the applicant or any authorized representative of the applicant did not receive the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed April 12, 2002. The evidence provided includes a statement by the petitioner that the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed April 12, 2002 was not received, a statement that a search of the file and docket records was made, and a statement that the search revealed the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was not received. Also provided is a copy of the attorney's application docket records where the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due would have been posted had it been timely received.

Therefore, the abandonment is hereby withdrawn, and the application is returned to pending status. The application shall be forwarded to the examiner for prompt remailing of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due originally mailed April 12, 2002 and restarting of the period of response from the remail date thereof.

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

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